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For:	PRINTING APPARATUS, PRINTI	NG)	
	METHOD, DATA PROCESSING	:	
	AND RECORDING MATERIAL	)	September 28, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 21 to read as follows. A marked-up version of the claim, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

21. (Amended) A printing apparatus according to any one of Claims 17-20, wherein said recording head ejects the ink by heat.

#### **REMARKS**

Claim 21 has been amended to remove a typographical error. This change has not been made for purposes related to patentability.

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# VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIM 21

21. (Amended) A printing apparatus according to any one of Claims 17-20 [21], wherein said recording head ejects the ink by heat.

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